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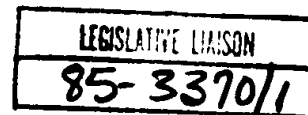
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FROM: MG David W. Einsel, Jr.
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SUBJECT: Comments on Sino-American Nuclear Verification Act of
               1985 (Senate Bill 1754: Glenn/Roth)

REFERENCE: OLL 85-3370 dated 1 Nov 1985, Same Subject

    1. This proposed legislation claims to contribute clarity of
understanding regarding the Agreement for Cooperation between the United
States and the Peoples Republic of China concerning Peaceful Uses of
Nuclear Energy, signed on 23 July 1985. It does not oppose the
agreement, per se, but would impose requirements for clarification of
obligations prior to any U.S. exports to China pursuant to the
agreement. Fundamentally, the bill attempts to close perceived loopholes
in the Agreement.

    2. There are no new intelligence issues involved in this proposed
legislation, and hence there is no real need for a position on it by the
Intelligence Community. The issue of peaceful use verification is
emphasized more strongly, suggesting requirements for inspections and
possibly other on site verification. These matters could, at some point,
indirectly involve intelligence. There is, in my opinion, no comment
required from the Intelligence Community at this time. The Glenn/Roth
Bill would require further Chinese assurances on non-proliferation, and
the Community will of course continue to be responsible for contributing
to an evaluation of Chinese non-proliferation credentials.

    3. This opinion has been coordinated with DDI/OSWR.

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